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COUNTY BILL TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY

**Republicans of House Plan to Take
It Up at Once in Committee
of the Whole.**

**Will Be the Order for the Next Seven Days
According to the Caucus Understanding.
Work Done by the Two Bodies.**

Without delay or preliminary committee action, the House will, if the plans prepared at last night's caucus of the Republican members are carried out, take up the County bill this morning and make it the order of the day until it has been disposed of by a final vote. The house will resolve itself into committee of the whole house, and then the bill will be considered section by section and no delay will be permitted.

The meeting of the Republican members was characterized by one of the number as the most harmonious and satisfactory that has been held so far. The determination was unanimous that there should be no delay in the lower body, that there should be no special committee to first work over the bill, but that it would be for the best that the entire house take part in the consideration and thresh out the many questions which are sure to arise. This will relieve the majority of any charge that they are trying to choke a bill down the throats of the minority, and will give full opportunity for amendment and debate.

It was expressed as the belief of the members that seven days of hard work would enable the committee to report the County bill favorably to the House and at once pass upon it. This will be tried and if it seems that there will be needed more time, a day or so may be added, and any attempt to delay action will be met by a strict enforcement of the rules as to length of speeches and number of times that any member may claim the floor.

It was reported last evening that Speaker Beckley had determined to appoint Kumalae as the chairman of the Committee of the whole house, and this will ensure prompt action. Chillingworth will be in charge of the bill and will call it up as soon as possible this morning. It is probable that a committee will be named to keep in touch with the Senate committee which is now at work on the Bill.

LEGISLATORS ARE HARD AT WORK

As soon as the bills which have been read the first time and ordered printed by the two houses of the Legislature are at hand for committee work there will be enough to do to keep all the members busy. The flood of measures is on the rise, but there is no indication that it has reached the high point. There were the usual number yesterday, and the outlook is that there are many more measures to come.

The House gave itself some surprises yesterday. The Republicans got into action early on party lines by the offering of the Paty memorial, which was to have been held out until today, and it was laid on the table, where it will slumber, many members now taking the position that his friends moved too late in the day. Representative Lewis had the memorial in his pocket when the House organized, and tried to get a chance to introduce it, but was talked over, and Fernandez took the oath of office and now will be permitted to serve.

Kumalae will be known as the Investigator soon, he coming to the front yesterday with a resolution for the investigation of the Chinese fund shortage, in explaining which he made some reflections upon the Executive and the ways of doing business. He carried his point, getting a committee of five, which will try and find out the responsibility for the escape of Treasurer Wright.

COMMITTEES AT WORK.

The committee work is going ahead, there being some reports promised for the session of today. The committee on rules will make the first report, according to the outlook. There will be few changes in the rules of the House, as Speaker Beckley is making progress at a rapid rate in handling the body. He has successfully introduced the system of making unanimous consent take the place of some motions, and peti-

tions and resolutions are referred with despatch.

The committee will report in favor of one new committee on the standing committee lists. This will be the committee on police, the duties of the combination heretofore having fallen upon a special committee. This will provide for a committee to report to the House as to the work of the office of the Sheriff, and will facilitate business to a great extent.

It took more than an hour to read the Journal of the House yesterday, a record which, if carried out during the session, means a loss on a working basis of 20 per cent of the time, and not that proportion of the members paid the slightest attention to the reading.

The regular order of business was at once taken up, Paole presenting a petition for a school house at Kaawa, Koolauloa.

PATY MEMORIAL TABLED.

Lewis of Hawaii presented the memorial of George W. Paty of Olua, protesting against the seating of Antonio Fernandez, alleging that the election booth in the First Precinct, First District, was improperly placed, and that there were irregularities in the Fourth and Sixth Precincts amounting to a remission of duty. The protest is signed as approved by Messrs. McStocker, Walker, and Ridgway, Republican committeemen.

Speaker Beckley said, when the petition had been read, that it was a memorial from a private citizen, and under the rules should go over and be the order of the following day. But the Senate had established the precedent, at the special session, that after the members had been sworn in, there could be no recognition of contests. It would establish a bad precedent to permit attacks upon the seats of members.

Aylett said it was true that the precedent had been established by the Senate, and at the same time the time had passed for considering such mat-

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LEPERS ANXIOUS TO GET GOOD AMERICAN SILVER

**They Have \$3,000 in Hawaiian Coin Which
Will Have to Be Redeemed by
Some Means.**

The leper settlement was again the principal subject of yesterday's meeting of the Board of Health. A most interesting question was raised in reference to the redemption of the Hawaiian coins held in the settlement. The lepers are getting anxious about the matter, and want their money changed into good American silver under the provisions of the coinage act.

Supt. McVeigh stated that there was about \$3,000 in Hawaiian silver in circulation among the lepers which would have to be redeemed within six months, or the people would lose that amount. Mr. McVeigh said he had called upon the First National Bank, and asked that an agent be sent to the settlement to redeem the coins, but was told that this could not be done, as no expense could be attached to the recoinage, as there was no allowance to the bank on that account.

Mr. Andrews suggested that perhaps Mr. McVeigh could bring the money down with him, giving his note for the \$3,000 until he returned its equivalent.

Supt. McVeigh replied that he was willing to do this, but would have to receipt for the entire amount while he might get only the bullion value if the coins were disfigured or mutilated. The lepers might accuse him of cheating then.

President Cooper suggested that the Board of Health might send up \$3,000 in American silver and let the Territory stand the loss on unredeemable coins.

Finally upon motion of Mr. Andrews Dr Cooper was instructed to visit Treasurer Kekoikai and see what arrangements could be made for sending money to the settlement in exchange for the Hawaiian coin. If this cannot be done the First National Bank is to be asked to commission Supt. McVeigh as its agent to make the change, the expense to be borne by the Board of Health.

LEPERS PETITIONS.

The petition from the Settlement expressing a want of confidence in J. K. Waimau, the assistant superintendent, was denied, no charges being made. No action was taken on the petitions against the removal of Waimau.

J. Kaiko petitioned that his wife be sent to him as kokua but the request was denied upon the report of Supt. McVeigh.

A petition was read from the lepers asking for a rearrangement of the food schedules, and that their meat be sawed instead of chopped. Supt. McVeigh stated that the rations were all right now, excepting that perhaps there should be an increase in the allowance of bread and sugar. These petitions, he stated, were similar to those which had been sent to the Board of Health every two years for twenty-five years, during the sessions of the legislature.

President Cooper suggested that action be postponed until after the return of the legislature from Molokai, as they intended to visit the settlement. When the Board learned the extent of the appropriation there could probably be action as to the increase in the food allowances.

BOARD OF HEALTH WISHES TO BE INVESTIGATED ON CHARGES OF REP. KUMALAE

The Board of Health at its meeting yesterday adopted a resolution requesting the House of Representatives to appoint a committee for the purpose of investigating the charge preferred by Representative Kumalae, and promising to assist in every possible way.

President Cooper called the matter to the attention of the Board stating that charges had been made in the House relating to the action of a Board of Health agent in enforcing obnoxious regulations, and attempting to wrongfully secure a piece of property from a Hawaiian thereby.

Attorney General Andrews stated that if such things were being done the Board of Health should know of it, and moved that a committee be appointed to ask the House for an investigation, and if the charges were substantiated there should be summary punishment for the offender. He said further that the Attorney General's department was ready and willing to prosecute, if bribery or intimidation was shown, and if these charges could not be substantiated they should not have been made.

The motion was carried. President Cooper to address a note to Speaker Beckley, of the Board of Health's request for a full and thorough investigation.

A letter was read from Dr. Davison

of Lahaina asking permission from the Board of Health to employ a Japanese physician as his office boy. He stated that the Jap was a graduate of a medical college in Japan, but had no license, and he had taken him in to keep him from starving. He said he didn't want to get into trouble through false reports. Dr. Cooper stated that the Board of Health had nothing to do with the matter, and the letter was received and filed.

Dr. C. L. Stow was appointed government physician in Hilo and Olua districts in place of Dr. R. H. Reid resigned.

Dr. W. B. Deas was appointed physician in North and South Kona in place of Dr. Molony, and Dr. Molony was appointed in place of Dr. Deas in the Koolauloa and Koolapoko districts.

The action of the president in appointing L. D. Beckley a sanitary inspector was approved.

The committee on the Achil fishmarket reported favorably on the plans and specifications, recommending minor changes contained in a report of the plumbing inspector.

The committee on Relief Camp No. 2 reported that repairs were being made as suggested and that the camp was in good sanitary condition.

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SENATE TAKES UP LILIUOKALANI'S BIG GRATUITY

**Three Senators Speak in Favor of
a Two Hundred Thousand
Dollar Gift.**

**Nothing Decided About It But the Subject Will
Come Up Again Today---House to
Be Heard From Later.**

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Today the Senate discussed the bill unanimously reported by the Committee on Porto Rico and the Pacific Islands to pay former Queen Liliuokalani \$200,000 in satisfaction of her claims upon the crown lands. Senators Hoar, Blackburn and Stewart spoke favorably but action was postponed until tomorrow.

VICTORIA'S JUBILEE GIFTS ARE COMING TO ST. LOUIS

LONDON, Feb. 25.—At the private audience today between President D. R. Francis of the St. Louis Exposition and King Edward, the latter promised to send Queen Victoria's priceless jubilee presents to the fair.

Big Gas Deal On.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—Two-thirds of the stock of the Equitable Gas Company has been put in escrow at \$5 per share. A big consolidation of local gas companies is rumored. Claus Spreckels is reported to be interested in the deal.

Chamberlain Leaves Cape.

CAPETOWN, Feb. 25.—Joseph Chamberlain sailed for home today. The crowds which saw him off were enthusiastic over the successful results of his visit.

Democrats Will Filibuster.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The Democratic House caucus has decided to filibuster for the balance of the session. Minor bills are the only ones jeopardized.

Schroeder's Good Luck.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Former Governor Schroeder, who is returning from Guam, will probably be appointed chief of the Naval Intelligence Bureau.

King Leopold May Come.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 25.—There is a revival of the reports current some time ago in this city that King Leopold will visit the United States.

The Million Dollar Depot.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The bill appropriating money for the construction of a union railroad station here has passed Congress.

First Blood for Bonilla.

PANAMA, Feb. 25.—President Sierra has been defeated by the revolutionists under former President Bonilla at Mazamoc.

McGovern Wins.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—McGovern won in the fourth round from Harry Maynard.

"Bad Man" Locked Up.

"Hello, when did you come down from San Francisco? I'm out for shooting. I just as soon shoot you as any other," said John Yorkston, a sailor, to a man he accosted upon the street about eleven o'clock last night. The man whom he threatened to shoot happened to be a mounted policeman, off duty, and in citizen's clothing. He took the sailor to the Police Station where the

latter announced that he was a "Scotchman and a sailor" and something of a "badman." He was placed down below to sober up and wait the opening of the Police Court this morning when he will answer to a charge of drunkenness.

May Be Insane.

C. A. Leonard, a passenger on the train from Kahuku last evening, was taken to the Police Station and locked up. His sanity will be looked into.